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University choir members sing at a church service in the Bahamas this summer.

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## Fall convocation lifts spirits

BY ANN HARVEY  
Managing Editor

Pride, Vigor and Unity. These three words can now be used to describe the atmosphere of the general fall convocation Thursday in the University Field House.

Recently appointed president Charles Hines gave students an earful with good news about his plan to revitalize Prairie View's image and school spirit.

Hines discussed plans ranging from improvement in the housing facilities to prices of the books in the bookstore.

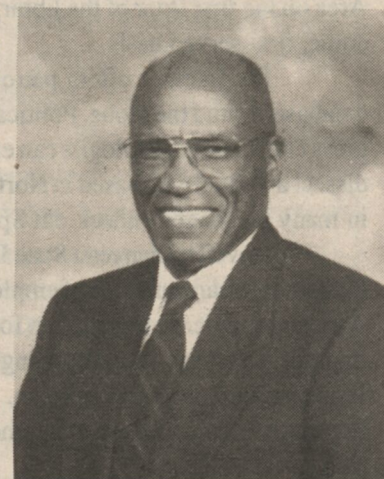
Housing improvements were solidified with slides that displayed plans for the new dormitories.

The slides detailed newly built dormitories that would house one person per room with living room and kitchen as well. "You will get the services you deserve", Hines said.

"The prices in the bookstore are too high, too high. The resale prices on the books is too low," he said.

Hines' presentation was received with applause and tremendous enthusiasm.

The University Choir and the Baptist Student Movement made a joyful noise as they sang, "Something Inside," accompanied by Marching Storm Band a series of dramatic interpretations performed by the Charles Gilpin



Charles Hines

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## Hines speaks on major decisions and goals for PV

*Charles Hines, the new president of Prairie View A&M University, has shown during his nine-month tenure, that controversial decisions, including the decision to sack and re-assign Coach Ronald Beard and athletic director Barbara Jacket, are as much a part of a president's turf as getting down on his knees to help ready a scruffy room in one of the women's dorms for the rush of students this fall. In a wide-ranging interview, Hines was asked about some of his decisions and about his goals for Prairie View. Following are excerpts:*

By CANDICE Y. CLAY  
Editor-in-Chief

On the subject of his actions involving Coach Beard and Coach Jacket, Hines said he didn't "know that there was a SWAC Conference" taking place on the PV campus at the time.

This summer Beard and Jacket were both reassigned new positions for the upcoming school year. Beard who was the head football coach was reassigned to teach physical education classes and Jackett who was both women's track coach and athletic director was reassigned to physical education classes as well. He said that

if he had known there was going to be a press conference on campus he would have done things differently. The coaches were informed of their reassignments by letter and they made the announcement to the press. Hines fully intended for the matter to be handled in a more diplomatic way.

On the subject of the new athletic director / coach.

Saptiner was brought in as athletic director and is interim coach until the position is filled. Saptiner was the retired athletic director of San Antonio ISD. He worked there for 15 years and "was a member of Prairie View's championship football team."

On the subject of a lack of housing at the beginning of this semester.

Hines said that he plans to try to eliminate the problem of the lack of housing. "Texas A&M had almost 1,000 people arrive to their campus and did not have a place to stay." The reason this problem occurs is because some administrators underestimate the number of students that will return the following year.

On the subject of the new legislation requiring cultural diversity on university campuses.

Prairie View is one of the "most culturally diverse in the state." The new legislation is a "great idea" because we live in a very diverse world. This legislation is a requirement for

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## Financial aid process may be getting easier

By VIRROBIN ESTHER and  
ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER  
Panther Staff

As frustration mounts over the "ins and outs" of the financial aid process, school officials at Prairie View A&M University have sought to inform students that there are ways to get into and out of the "process" without becoming tied into knots.

Students should not assume that a delay in processing means a

student's files are lost, says Sharon Stephens, senior financial aid advisor.

"Financial aid folders are either in the counselor's office or being processed," Stephens said; "they never leave the second floor."

And even when a student's files appear to be lost, it's likely that a computer error—an inversion between a student's first and last names, for example—caused the problem.

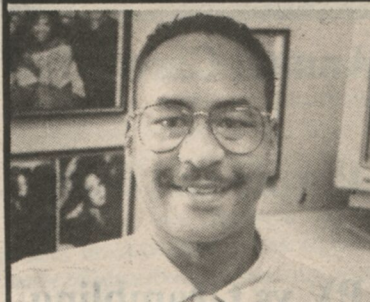
Advisors emphasize the importance of students completing

financial aid packets -available in January -before the April 1 deadline. Completed applications may be submitted to assigned advisors for review.

While a complete file may take a minimum of three weeks to process, when returned before the deadline, an incomplete file may require more time. Therefore, the sooner completed, the better.

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Briefly

Coleman library offers free Internet Services for Faculty, students

The John B. Coleman Library offers services through workstations located in the Public Catalog Area on the first floor of the library. The Internet is available during regular library hours are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Internet offers patrons a vast of full-text, statistical, and bibliographical material from database around the globe. Political scientists can download congressional legislation and White House press conferences. Biologist can examine cranial cross-sections through Harard's Whole Brain Atlas or dissect a Virtual frog based in North Carolina. Literature students can obtain copies of books and poems, in many languages ( check out Spain's Cervantes Project).

Travellers can read State Department advisors and view scenes of a region's flora and fauna. Job hunters can scan hundreds of employment notices posted by thousands of companies throughout the U.S. African-American students can follow the debate across the nation on affirmative action. Although the internet isn't "one-stop shopping" for most researchers, it offers the Prairie View community an immense amount of information.

For more information on using the Internet, please contact the Reference Department at 2612.

Tuberculosis treatment

There's good news for parents concerned about their children being infected with tuberculosis. It is 100 percent treatable, if caught in time.

If not treated, TB can become chronic and even fatal, Dr. Jeffrey Strake, a pediatrican at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Tuberculosis symptoms include coughing, low-grade fever, weight loss and general malaise similar to the flu. It is often misdiagnosed as bronchitis.

Flu season advice

If you're one the people most at risk developing complications from influenza, it's not too early to start thinking about flu shots.

"We recommend that people in the high-risk groups get vaccinated for influenza as soon as the vaccine is available, which is usually about this time of year," said Dr. W. Paul Glezen, epidemiologist

at the at the Influenza Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

The largest high-risk group: the elderly. Also at high risk are people with heart disease; lung disease , including asthma and chronic bronchitis; diabetes; chronic kidney disease; chronic anemia, including sickle-cell disease; and immune-system disorders.

These are the people most at risk for developing life-threatening complications, usually pneumonia.

The Eleventh Annnal Egyptian Festival

The eleventh Annual Egyptian Festival will be held September 8-10 at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church. The festival will feature some of the best and most exotic foods found at any festival in Houston. Extensive crafts bazaar, activities for children, music, tours of the church and learn more about fascinating Egypt and the Copic religion. The festival is sponsored by members of St. Mark Coptic Othodox Church. Tickets are \$2 per person; children under 12 are admitted free. Call (713) 669-0311 for more information.

The Panther would like to encourage everyone to participate in class elections.

Key Dates

Annual Career Day	Sept. 18-20
Purple and Gold	Sept. 21
PV vs Grambling	Sept. 30

Health News

Keeping a Lid on Nutrients

When preparing vegetables, avoid sending valuable nutrients down the drain. Important vitamins and minerals may seep into cooking water and be discarded. The amount of nutrients lst depends on the freshness of the food to began with and the method of cooking.

To preserve the nutritional value of foods, some suggestions are : shopping frequently and buying only as much fresh produce as you'll need in a few days, cooking food in the shortest time possible, washing vegetables thoroughly without soaking them ,and avoid deep-fat frying, which robs food vitamins.

Protein important early in pregnancy

Women who restrict dietary protein early in pregnancy may imit the development of the placenta and, eventually, the fetus. Results from a pig study at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston indicate restrictions affect the size and weight of the mother-fetus connective tissue that transport nutrients and oxygen and removes wastes.

The placenta's size is often related to the size and birth weight of the infant.

Recommendations for pregnant women include a balanced diet with additional protein, which is available from meat, fish, egumes and dairy products.

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Department News

Prairie View to Host Jamaican Educators

Prairie View A&M University will host the "Jamaica-Partners for International Education and Training" observational study tour Sept. 10-23 focusing on school/community relations-rural for eight participants from Jamaica. The program is a collaborative endeavor with Southern University. The purpose of this training is to provide participants with instruction in how to develop and sustain school/community relations.

Dr. Freddie Richards, professor of agricultural education and director of the Institute for International Agri-business will serve as project director for the program. Dr. Jewel Prestage, dean of the Benjamin Banneker Honors College and professor of Political Science will serve as project co-director. Many field based activities have been planned for the visit by the Jamaican delegation, including visits to Texas Southern University, North Forest, Houston, Fort Bend, and Cypress-Fairbanks school districts. Participants will be Margaret Brissett-Bolt, Estera White, Feraria Johnallson, Rudolph Brown, Heather Murray, Kernan Spencer, Ezekiel Crawford, and Austin Hemmings.

Fall Career Festival

Prairie View A&M University proudly invites you attend the 25th Annual Career Festival to be held September 19-20 , 1995. The Career Planning and Outreach Center and the University's business Cluster will host Career Festival which include the acclivities of Training to Launch a Career (TLC) and Job Expo and Career Fair. Since inception, the Career Festival has played a meaningful role in the career orientation and education of students, with 50,000 students benefiting by this important educational program.

The 25th Annual Fall Career Festival will reach nearly 2,500 students, alumni, faculty and staff.. It continues to be an integral component of total educational process at the university. On the day of the Job Expo, all participants are encouraged to dress professionally, and bring several copies of their issue.

Department of Counseling Services moves to Owens-Franklin Health Center

The department of Counseling Services has moved to the lower level of the Owens-Franklin Health Center on Rm. 31-A. The move became necessary to make improvements in the Office of Admissions. While the move is said to be temporary, it gives us an opportunity to place greater emphasis on the importance of optimum mental health.

Many students feel that they are perceived by others as being sick merely because they need some help resolving personal problems. The truth is that it is no longer taboo to seek help from a mental health professional. It is perfectly normal to ask for help. The sooner one gets help. The sooner one gets help, the better- and the easier it will be to resolve one's issues.

Problems, when left untreated, can become worse and ultimately affect the students academic performance and personal relationships. It has been the cultural norm in the African-American community to seek help from one's minister, grandparent or other highly revered person. When one leaves home, these persons are not usually accessible. While we can never take the place of a minister or trusted family member, students can be assured that they will receive the highest level of empathy and concern.

The counselors are guided by the highest standards of confidentiality. Students can be certain that their counseling files will remain separate their academic or employment files. Information is released only with written authorization from the student or in accordance with state law.

The PVAMU community is encouraged to become familiar with the services available to enrolled students at no charge. Appointments can be scheduled in person in Rm. 31-A of the Owens Franklin Health Center at 2217.

Beyond The Hill

Business Tap into Marketplace

The North American Free Trade Agreement and other trade agreement is unleashed a wealth of business opportunities in the market place, but many companies don't know how to tap into them. The NAFTA Information Clearinghouse (NIC) was created to provide business of all sizes information they need to enter and succeed in international trade.

NIC's customized information service helps companies take the critical first steps: developing trade coantacts; identifying potential markets; initiating partnerships and joint ventures; knowing relevant trade regulations; indentifying experts who can help facilitate the trading process. NIC's services are available to U.S. businesses as well as those in Mexico, Canada and other countries. NIC's ON-line bulletin board can be accessed by calling (512) 472-1432.

Newspaper Fund Internship

College juniors, seniors and graduate students interested in editing newspaper copy or writing, editing and reporting for electronic news services are invited to apply for the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund's 1996 Newspaper Editing Intern Program, and the Real-Time information Program . Minority college sophomores are invited to apply for the Business Reporting Program. The application deadline for all program is Nov. 15, 1995.

Each program features: Pre-internship course • \$1,000 college scholarship for students returning to school in the fall • Paid summer internship • Travel grant attend training course and transportation to job site. Applications are available from journalism school and departments, campus placement offices or by calling the Newspaper Fund's toll-free number, 1-800-DOW-FUND. Students may also write to the Fund at P.O. Box 300, Princeton, N.J.

08543-0300 or call (609)452-2820.

SMART offers jobs

College undergraduates interested in biomedical careers can experience scientific research as a summer job.

The Graduate School of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston sponsors the 10-week Summer Medical and Research Training Program.

Undergraduates get first hand experience in laboratory settings. SMART participants also attend daily research seminars and other educational activities. Acceptance is highly competitive. More than 700 applicants typically vie for 100 positions. Inquires should be directed to Dr. Gayle R. Slauter, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX 77030 or call (713) 798-5915. The deadline is Feb. 1, 1996.

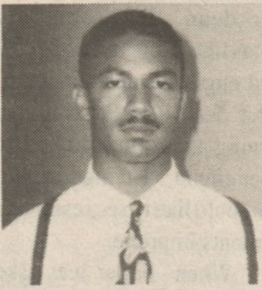
University stealing low

While the burglary rate at most Texas colleges and universities is down the recovery rate is stolen property is still dismally low, says Charity Judah, spokeswoman for the Texas Action Council on theft.

"Texas reported an estimated 16 percent decrease in campus burglaries in 1994, however, only 7 percent of the stolen property was ever recovered by police officials," she said.

"With the start of the school year, students living on or off campus would be well-advised to take all precautionary steps to protect their valuables from the hands of thieves," said Judah. " The low clearance rate is clearly an indication of the significance of identifying or laboring your personal property."

The crime prevention units of most police departments have some



Anthony Hayter

Anthony Hayter is a graduating senior from Somerset, TX. His major is electrical engineering. His goals are to graduate from Prairie View and then go on to obtain his master's degree in electrical engineering. From there he plans to work for Texas Instruments and eventually become their first Black CEO. I will retire from TI by becoming a professor at Prairie View. "I will continue to give back by inspiring and motivating our future leaders."

Hayter transferred to Prairie View Fall 1993. "I came to Prairie View with one mission in life: To Succeed!" He now carries a 3.93 GPA and

last spring he accepted an offer from Texas Instruments. The offer included a \$10,000 signing bonus, a fellowship to pay for graduate school and a very attractive starting salary.

Hayter is now a student recruiter for TI, Vice-president of Eta Kappa Nu (Electrical Engineering Honor Society). Freshman CEB, Chairman of NSBE, member of Tau Beta Pi (Engineering Honor Society) and play a very important role for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

"I have seen the need for a support structure for other transfer students like myself." From that he founded the University Transfer Club-- made to ensure the success of transfer students. Hayter is the president of this club.

His motto is: "Determine what you want in life. Prioritize those goals and put 'your relationship with God' first in your life. With God first in your life, nothing is impossible."

The Panther staff welcomes everyone back to the 'Hill'



# NEWSWEEK

## Fuller heads engineering SGA sponsors week for freshmen

By KEISHA E. PEARSON AND SAMANTHA THOMAS  
Panther Staff

The new College of Engineering and Architecture's Interim Dean is Dr. John H. Fuller. Actually, Fuller is not "new" in a sense, because this PV Alumnus has also worked for Prairie View for 18 years as the Department Head of Electrical Engineering. Dr. Fuller admits that he was quite excited when being offered the position and that it was offered to him by PV president, Dr. Charles Hines because of recommendations.

"I'd like to maintain a higher level of excellence and perhaps surpass it," said Fuller. He says quality attributes of the college are that the students are one, a quality education is guaranteed, and that the university has a good faculty and curriculum with wonderful facilities. "I want to be sure that every graduating student has the best education that they need to be able to obtain a good job anywhere. These are the words of a true educator.

Fuller will continue with many programs first implemented by

former dean Dr. John Foster. Programs like "Chicken with the Dean" allowed engineering students to talk with the dean about various issues concerning them and proved to be very beneficial. He also mentioned that he would like to see research in all departments improve.

When Fuller was asked if this position was more complicated or demanding, he replied that it was just a matter of communications and wishes he had more time to work with people and their problems. At this time, Fuller is also teaching a senior Design class as he juggles his new work load and feels comfortable that he will be a success. He has confidence in the departments and in himself.

Many people look at Fuller in a new light, now that he is Interim Dean, but he says that he is still the same "good 'ole Doc Fuller". Although, he has noticed that the faculty, staff and students treat him with more respect.

When we asked Monika Harris, a chemical engineering junior, what she thought about the change, she says, she misses Foster, but admits it is too soon to tell what the new dean will be like! "I'll miss Foster's relaxed and helpful teaching style", said one electrical engineering major.

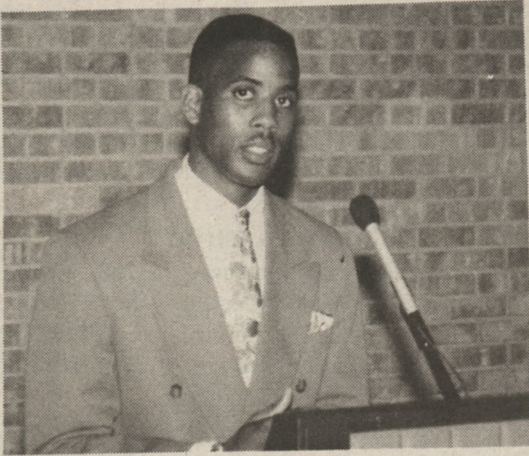
By CARLINA LEWIS and FAE NASH  
Panther Staff

Cub week which the SGA hopes to make an annual event, was held Aug. 21-25. It was designed to acquaint the freshman of 1995 to the history of Prairie View A&M University.

One of the events was a workshop on sex protection, school morale, study habits, and time management, and a spirit rally was mounted to allow students to express their school spirit.

To help the freshmen adjust to college life, Kevin Jones of Alpha Phi Alpha developed a freshman mentor program which now helps

some of 400 students. The program matches an upper classmen with a



freshman with the same major.

Many students have been worried about the emergency general use fee increase. The first meeting was held Tuesday, June 27 in Drew Hall.

The focus was on campus life in residence halls. The reason for the fee increase was to better the residence halls and not for teacher pay raises or is true at other universities. About 103 students were in attendance.

Start looking for the SGA seal. The seal's design, by Nekia Thomas, has to first be approved by the SGA Senate before it becomes official, and once it has been approved everyone will be able to see the trail of achievements that SGA has left behind.

"On the Hill" with Frank Jackson, SGA highlighted the new registration process which will

be done over the phone, and will be ease the stress and confusion of registration next semester.

## Big jump in enrollment expected in Texas schools

Texas is one of the 20 states expected to have a more than a 25 percent increase in high school enrollment by 2002, according to a release from the United States Department of Education.

Principals in high schools across the country are beginning to think about where to put the extra seats and find the quality teachers that will be needed for the coming wave of students.

According to Education Department projections, the children and grandchildren of baby boomers will help drive enrollment in the nation's schools and colleges to a record high by the end of the century. And, not only are more students going to school, but more are staying in school.

The influx of students will create a pressing need for extra help in the basic and core academics, funds to keep schools safe and drug-free, and for greater financial help for college—at a time when Congress is proposing to cut federal support of education by \$36 billion over the next seven years.

As soon as this coming school year (1995-1996), the number of students in elementary and secondary schools may equal or surpass the baby-boom generation's

1971 peak of 51 million students. The forecast is for 53 million students in 1997, 55 million by 2002. And college enrollment is projected to jump more than 1.3 million students over the next seven years.

At a recent White House briefing with President Clinton, members of Congress, and representatives of education groups, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley said he fears the nation will be ill-prepared for this enrollment growth, especially if Congress is successful in cutting support for elementary and secondary education by 19 percent and reducing financial assistance for deserving students to attend college.

"Slashing education is bad for America's children and our nation's future," Riley said. "I have to question the members of Congress who would put less important priorities ahead of arming our children against ignorance and mediocrity by giving them a good start in life."

Riley said education budget cuts are "a threat to the internal security of the nation" at a time when school are faced with serving significantly more students. "The gap between the unparalleled increase in students and the

unprecedented cuts in educational investment is the education gap that our nation faces.

"The children of the famous post-war baby boom are now parents sending their own children to school," he said. "But, in these increasingly tough times, Congress is placing the burden on states and communities to find the resources to improve the quality of American education."

These cuts will produce "a tidal wave of teenagers who won't get the basic skills they need, the high standards and disciplined learning environment they deserve, and the opportunity they need to go to college."

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a spending bill for the coming fiscal year that cuts federal education spending by nearly \$4 billion. The U.S. Senate is expected to consider appropriations next month, following an August recess. President Clinton has said he will veto the bill if it reaches his desk in its present form. The President's balanced-budget plan would erase the budget deficit while increasing education investments by \$40 billion.

Riley said that his department estimates that from 1994 to 2002, (K-12) public school enrollments will increase from 44 to 49 million. High school enrollments (grades 9-12) will increase nationally by 15 percent.

# Fall '95 registration gets thumbs up

Olin T. Flowers  
Panther Staff  
Fall 1995 Registration

Another school year has rolled around on the Hill, and incoming freshmen, returning students, and faculty members have returned eager to pursue this semester's challenges.

Students are settled into the dorms, fees have been paid, and most students are hustling to get the remaining books and materials needed as classes begin. The yearly ritual of registration has been completed.

Only this year, something was missing from the registration ritual, that many returning students are all too familiar with—the P.V.

run-around. This year's registration was well-organized, and students registered with minimal problems.

This semester's registration was probably the best-to-date when compared with previous registration procedures. Registration had included long lines, trips to many different departments for stamps or signatures, and the infamous 'take a number and wait' system which resulted in many students often needing several days just to get into the computer, not counting add and drop. Registration used to be synonymous with massive frustration and stress for students, not a good way to start a semester.

The thanks for the changes can be credited to the PV faculty and Mr. Robert F. Ford, the university registrar. "All of the faculty worked

extremely hard to familiarize themselves with the computer-based Student Information System which keeps problems to a minimum," said Ford. "We are going to try to continue to improve it [registration]. Hopefully by the summer, each department will be able to register their own students in-house, and then we can go on to an effective telephone registration system like at UT or Texas A & M," he said.

There were only a few complaints that students had. Transfer and international students had a harder time getting into the system than other students. Most freshmen students complained about having to take the TASP test. But on average, it took a student who walked up during regular registration no longer than one hour

to completely register.

The university also lifted a burden off of many students by not requiring the first tuition installments to be due until September 13th.

Something new for this registration was the TB (tuberculosis) skin test. It is now required by state law that every registered student be tested. The test can be obtained from your private physician, a public health clinic, or you may have the test at Owens-Franklin Health Center (ph# 857-2511) for a \$10 fee.

T.J. Pierre, LMSW/LPC and the director of the Owens-Franklin Center, explained the reason for the testing. "There is a new epidemic of TB in the state

and in a confined community such as ours it is very vital to identify those infected with the disease who are contagious so we can treat them, because TB is an airborne virus and the host may not show any sign of being infected, but can still pass the disease to others," she said.

This semester's registration was evidence that with some patience, things can improve in good time. Some students may still have had problems, but it was very evident that people had worked hard to make improvements. So, as students at this university that we all know and love, we should make it our business to not be so critical of the system, rather we should embrace it with our faith. This place that we affectionately call 'the Hill'. This is our home.

## Song heads economic dept.

Demetris L. Holden and Gwynita D. Legginton  
Panther Staff

Dr. Kean Song was recently named the new Economics and Finance department head.

Song graduated from the University of Houston with a master's of Business Administration and a PhD. in economics and finance. After receiving his degrees, he began his career as an instructor at Prairie View A & M University.



After seven years of teaching, Song admits that he enjoys the friendly atmosphere, and the advantages that a smaller class-room has. Song says that one of his goals is to increase the number of students major-

A & M would also like for past finance graduates from Prairie View University to come back and inform the students about future business careers.

Song is a very outgoing and caring person. He appreciates any feedback given by his students. His time is not only spent teaching, but also listening. He says

he's always available for assisting students with any concerns they may have.

"I feel that there is always room for improvement. I hope everyone's patient until all new adjustments are made."

Song is originally from Malaysia but now resides in Houston.

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# Dickerson announces retirement

By STEFANI MCDADE  
Panther Staff

Harvey Dickerson, director of institutional development and assistant to the president, Harvey Dickerson, will retire this October.

Dickerson has served as Director of Institutional Development, which entails coordinating public and media relations for the university and maintaining a connection with the state and federal government concerning higher education. The department serves as a reservoir of data on potential corporate and foundation do-

nors, he is also responsible for preparing acknowledgment letters to donors and writing grants.

He also solicits funds from Prairie View Alumni Association and the Prairie View Foundation. The Prairie View Foundation is a separate organization that was established in 1991 under the direction of former Prairie View A&M President Julius Becton. The organization was founded to accept gifts, including money and property, that the alumni association is not authorized to accept.

Dickerson lived in Prairie View and received his formal education in the Houston area. After graduating from Phillis Wheatly

High School, he then attended Prairie View where

1947. He served in the army for 30 years and retired in 1975. While in the army

Dickerson obtained a masters degree and worked as a financial planner and tax consultant until he assumed his

Dickerson says he will remain active in the Prairie View Alumni Association and the Prairie View Foundation, where he serves as treasurer. He says he will continue to participate in fund-raising activities to provide financial assistance to the university.

Dickerson says his greatest challenge as the Director of Institutional Development was obtaining alumni support. He said 2,000 of the 25,000 graduates of Prairie View are active members in the alumni association. He encourages all students to become involved in the association after graduation.

he graduated as a 2nd Lt. in current position at Prairie View in July of 1990.

After retirement,

## PV student recovers

By TIFFANI DABNEY and  
ELBERT ADAMS  
Panther Staff

Two days after the spring semester ended and most students were anticipating a relaxing summer, but one of Prairie View's own, Trinard Davis, was stricken with a very rare nerve disorder known as Gillan Berra.

Gillan Berra strikes 1 out of 1,000 people. The disease attacks without warning coating the nerves which causes temporary paralysis from the feet up. At one

point, Davis had to be put on a life support system because the disease had put his lungs under distress. He also suffered from rapid muscle deterioration which left him unable even to lift anytimes or less.

During weighing Davis' unfortunate hospitalization, his family suffered tremendously. His mother suffered a heart attack placing her in the hospital alongside her health. The stress brought by his mother's illness combined with deteriorating caused him to slip into coma. His concern for his mother as well as himself, placed him in a coma for approximately 3 weeks.

Fortunately, Mr. Davis is recovering expeditiously. He plans to grace our campus with his outgoing and energetic personality in the fall of 1996 picking up where he left off in the "Marching Storm" as well as debuting the latest fads in our campus fashion shows.

Although there is no known cure for Gillan Berra, Davis's spirits remain lifted. "There is power in prayer," says the 22 year-old Panther.

The student body, staff, and faculty wish Davis many blissful blessings and a rapid recovery.

## Homeless students, housing follies

By DEMETRIA MAYES  
Panther Staff

As the fall 1995 Semester began, some people were faced with housing problems. Unfortunately, all the students with "on campus" status were not able to get their deposit in by the deadline. A waiting list was comprised so that those students who met the deadline would be dealt with first. Everyone was eventually able to get housing and there is still space

available.

One student, Robert Varner is still without a room due to an overbooking of rooms. "We had to wait and they kept giving us the runaround," said Varner. "First we were on the dorm waiting list. Then when I went to the Housing department to go see about my room reservation they told us that the dorms could not have their own waiting list and that I would need to get on the Housing waiting list. They just keep sending me back and forth," he finished.

There are tentative plans to possibly build a new dormitory, however

nothing is definite as to when and if it will be built. Questions were raised as to whether or not there would be co-ed dorms. Because of vandalism that occurred this summer in Drew, there will not be any co-ed dorms. I asked a student worker in the Housing department, Angel Brown, how students could help themselves where housing is concerned. "Everyone needs to work together," said Brown. "If the students met the required deadlines, it would make all of our jobs much easier," added Brown. One resident of Banks hall said her housing process went well,

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# U.S. scraps affirmative action plan New PV grad slain

By Marco Buscaglia  
College Press Service

San Francisco

After nearly nine months of debate by politicians, administrators and students, the University of California Board of Regents voted to end the educational system's affirmative action plan at a meeting in late July.

The move, which will prohibit racial preferences in hiring and contracts beginning next January and in admissions the following year, may have lasting effects on the nine-school UC system but may not have as large of an impact on schools across the nation as some had originally predicted.

"Since schools have voluntary and deliberately taken affirmative action efforts in admissions, I don't think they'll want to be reversing themselves," said David Merkwitz, director of public affairs for the American Council of Education.

Still, merkwitz sees a risk from state legislators who may wish to capitalize on the

current political climate. "State universities can be deeply affected by politics," he said. "Look at what Pete Wilson was able to do as both governor of California and president of the Board of Regents. That entire decision (to eliminate affirmative action) was layer with partisan politics."

Wilson, who hadn't attended a Board of Regents meeting since 1992 prior to July 20, serves as presidents of the 26-member board and has made affirmative action a centerpiece for his 1996 presidential campaign.

Shortly after the meeting, he called ruling "the beginning of the end of racial preferences."

Meanwhile, President Clinton reaffirmed his support for affirmative action, acknowledging that the system has problems but is still necessary because of unequal opportunities for women and minorities.

"The job of ending discrimination in this country is not over," Clinton said. "We should reaffirm the principle of affirmative action and fix

the practice. we should have a simple slogan: Mend it, but don't end it."

UC's new policy allows a minimum of 50 percent of all admissions to be solely based on academic achievement, a change from the current policy, which allows anywhere from 40 to 60 percent at each school. The remaining 60 to 40 percent are admitted because of race, special talents, athletic ability and other special circumstances.

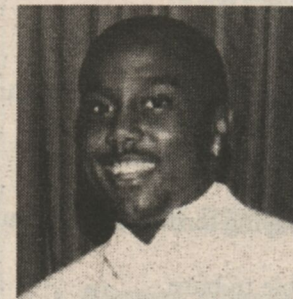
With the criteria for race, gender, religion, ethnicity and national origin removed, UC officials estimate that they may lose up to half of their minority students. Currently, white students make up 49 percent of the UC student population; Asian Americans are at 25 percent; Hispanics make up 13 percent; and African Americans cover 4.3 percent.

In Michigan, legislation that calls for the abolishment of affirmative action is pending. Support is growing in Texas, Ohio and other states from similar

proposals. Republican presidential candidate and Senate Majority Lender Bob Dole has said that he will introduce legislation aimed at scaling back affirmative action at a national level.

Despite the legislative threats, University of Michigan officials say they will fight to keep their affirmative action program intact. "We strongly believe in equal access to education," said UM's associate provost Robert Holbrook.

Many students vow to fight the effort as well. "They are taking away our right to a well-rounded education," said Colleen Sabatini, a junior at the University of California at San Diego who made a plea to the Board of Regents that can only be enjoyed by the majority, not the minority."



By TERA JONES and  
BURL HARRIS  
Panther Staff

Many students were shocked by the sudden and tragic death of 23-year-old Michael Ware, an electrical engineering major and a 1995 graduate of Prairie View

A&M. Ware was shot and killed in Detroit, Mich. in the driveway of his home less than two weeks after commencement ceremonies.

According to Adrienne Johnson, a close friend, Ware was working on his car in the driveway of his home. Some men in an unidentified vehicle drove by and shot him in the head at point-blank range. Ware died instantly.

At the time of the shooting, no one was present at his home.

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## Davis recovering from stroke

By TOMESHA CARRAWAY  
and ZHARMER HARDIMON  
Panther Staff

HULEN M. DAVIS, SR. the assistant professor and coordinator of the political science program is recovering from a stroke he suffered.

"I just want to thank all of my friends, church members, and students for their out going love, prayers, and words of encouragement."

"The doctor says I'm recovering well, but I still have a small healing journey to complete.

Davis said he plans to return to P.V. and continue to be a good teacher and role model for my students.

Davis received his bachelor's

degree from Prairie View A&M University in 1957 and then went on to pursue his master's degree in education and political science in 1964. Upon completion of his master's, he did advanced study at the University



Black Political Scientists, and Texas of Pre-Law Advisors.

Throughout his life Davis has

achieved many honors including an appointment to the Brazos River Authority Board, by former Gov. Ann Richards, a distinguished public service award, and chairman of the PV faculty senate. Davis was also invited to attend inauguration of President Bill Clinton.

He is married with four daughters and three sons, all of whom are college graduates.



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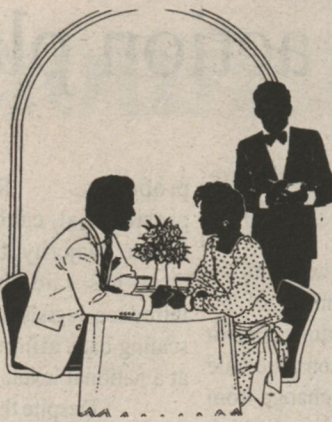
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Promises to change are fuzzy in the mind,  
But, I understand!  
Hopes are sharp and flat, playing for fun in life's musical band,  
Visual changes are impossible to bare,  
But, I understand!  
My best bet in life is to give into your neverending desire to demand,  
Blistered ears are ringing with request for space,  
But, I understand!  
Wishing and begging for old times are berried in the land of forgiven sand,  
Listening to you nag in the distance with an irritating tone,  
But, I understand!  
Giving till it hurts my heart you squeeze in your frustrated hand,  
Knowing one day we'll be back together,  
But, until then, I understand!

Smooth (7)

Star

Me understand you? -No!  
Not if I could squeeze your soul and ring your heart,  
I could not.  
For your mind is a labyrinth of complexities that intrigue even those with arrogance,  
Your mind has the power to lift and destroy,  
I cannot understand you!  
So, I will not try.  
For your entrancing whims make my thoughts dance of you,  
You - You love to embrace yourself.  
But, I can never grasp you,  
You are a goddess of the moon, you are a star.  
Out of my reach and like a radiating star,  
Even if i could reach your level,  
You will never be in my grasp.  
Your energy and spirits are too much,  
You become the sun to everyone who gets close enough,  
But no matter how much I observe,  
I can never understand,  
And why is that?  
Because you don't even understand the extremities of your beautiful radiating self.

Darcey Shepherd  
Lil' Angel (#1)



YOU COME TOO LATE

You come too late—my need for you has gone;  
For I have triumphed over time and pain,  
And learned of sorrow how to stand alone  
And smile and face the world again.  
My soul the wine, my heart the broken bread.  
You feasted lightly and as lightly went,  
And left me here with something in me dead.  
My life is empty now and cleansed of grief;  
I rise again—the pride of life is strong,  
And in the place of love and old belief,  
Courage goes marching with a merry song.  
Come in, my friend, but do not hope to find  
A trace of anything you left behind.

George Robertson



Torn Faith

Visualize the steps of happiness slippery with deception,  
Candlelight dreams over deep scars are fortified with a mysterious connection.  
Hopes of pleasant times tip-toe out the doors of reality,  
Flashbacks from the beginning are distant only visible by rare formality.  
Good moments perish quickly as old country music hits,  
Going on with the masquerade is another dramatic heart-throbbing skit.  
Coasting down memory lane is a bumpy storm of setbacks and detours,  
Talks of happiness are drifting and washing up on pain-stricken sores.  
Old-flames die fierce in the eyes of a determined heartless pro,  
Energetic characteristics, common sense and honest intellect are traveling day and night always on the go.  
The wishing well is full to the rim with gold pennys of neverending solutions,  
Another heart is enlisted for life; however remaining a student forever in the torn faith's institution.

Ron K. Washington (7)

Brothers All

We're brothers all, whatever the place,  
Brothers whether in rags or lace,  
Brothers all, by the good Lord's grace.

Some may sit in a royal hall,  
Some may dwell where the rooms are small,  
But under the skin we are brothers all.

Some may live as bums under the burning sun,  
Some may dream where the waters run,  
But we're brothers all when the day is done.

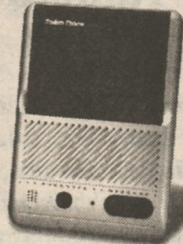
By the sun that shines and the rains that fall,  
By the shadows flung on the garden wall,  
By the good Lord's grace, we are brothers all.

By the hurt that comes and the falling tear,  
By the common grief at the silent bier,  
And the grave that awaits,  
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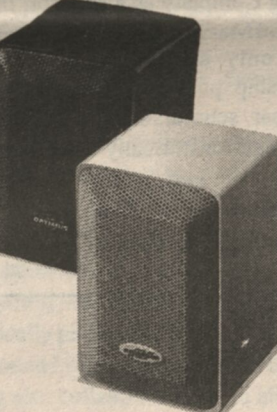
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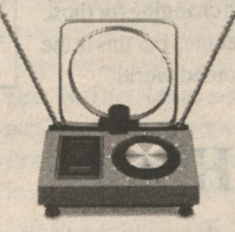
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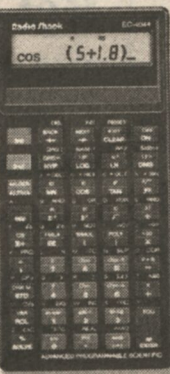
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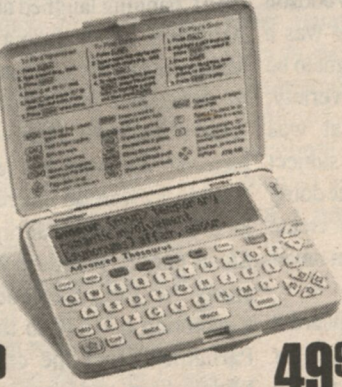
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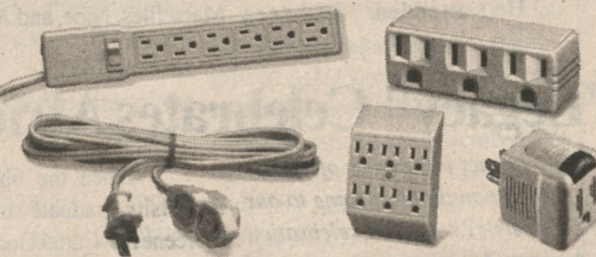
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# BLACK HISTORY

## MORE THAN JUST A MONTH AT PV

### Excerpts from writer Claude McKay

By Bridgett McGowen  
Black History Co-Editor

The black poet and novelist, Claude McKay was born September 15, 1889. He was a figure who is responsible for some of the most interesting contributions to the history of Afro-American literature. McKay's works are noted for its lyricism and powerful statements of black emotions.

Originally from the small village of Sunny Ville in the hills of central Jamaica, McKay was surrounded by "a garden of mixed humanity." As a cosmopolitan citizen of the world and a dedicated political radical, he never forgot his nostalgic love for his home.

Walter Jekyll, an intellectual English resident of Jamaica, and McKay's elder brother were his chief intellectual tutors during his youth. These men gave him access to books by Dante, Villon, Milton, Pope, Goethe, and other poets and philosophers.

By 1912, McKay published his first two collections of verse, "Songs of Jamaica" and "Constab Ballads." These poems won him a scholarship in that same year. McKay then moved to the United States.

He attended Tuskegee Institute as a student of agriculture for a few months. Then he attended Kansas State College in Manhattan for two years. By 1914, he had moved to New York.

Bad investments forced McKay to work in numerous menial job positions including a kitchen helper in New England hotels and a Pullman waiter on trains out of New York. He continued to write.

He achieved his first important literary recognition in America when two of his sonnets under the pseudonym Eli Edwards were published by the major literary magazine, The Seven Arts, in 1917.

In the early 1920s McKay also gained recognition in England where his second volume of verse, Constab Ballads was published. While in England he gained experience in radical journalism with Sylvia Pankhurst on the Workers' Dreadnought.

It was the publication of Harlem Shadows in 1922 that secured McKay's American reputation. Harlem Shadows, a collection of passionate and vibrant poems, is the first great literary achievement of the Harlem Renaissance.

During the mid-1920s McKay spent time in France, Toulon, Marseilles, Nice, and Antibes. While abroad, he wrote his first novel, Home to Harlem, and gathered material for his second novel, Banjo.

McKay's best known novel, Home to Harlem, is the story of a black American soldier's life after returning from France after World War I. The novel became controversial because some black critics protested that it emphasized exotic elements in black life but ignored the major problems of black Americans.

The last fourteen years of McKay's life were spent in the United States. In 1937 his autobiography, A Long Way from Home, came out. A friendship formed with Ellen Tarry, a Black Catholic writer of children's books influenced his conversion to Roman Catholicism in October 1944, less than four months before his death.

McKay wrote a recollection of his childhood near the end of his life. He considered it to be "the farewell testimony of a man who was bitter because he loved, who was both right and wrong because he hated the things that destroyed love, who tried to give back to others a little of what he had got from them and the continuous adventure of being a black man in a white society. Happily, as I move on, I see that adventure changing for those who will come after me. For this is the century of the coloured world."

### "Legacy" Celebrates African American History

Legacy is the name of a fairly new publication that has come to our notice. It styles itself as a celebration of African-American history and culture and, in the words of publisher Rodney J. Reynolds, the magazine will "provide a look into our past and at the same time link us to our present and show us some of the potential of the future."

On these pages, we present some excerpts from several stories that appeared in the February/March 1995 edition of Legacy. Correspondence to the magazine should be addressed to RJR Communications/American Heritage, 60 5th Ave., NY, NY 10011.

**What History?** by Gene Smith

Every day of his professional life, Carter Woodson, the only child of slaves ever to get a Ph.D. in history, battled the perception that his race had no achievement or background. By creating Negro History Week in 1926, he not only brought the past into the light but changed the future.

When the black Columbia University graduate student Lorenzo J. Greene met Carter Godwin Woodson in 1925, he pitied him. Here was a fifty-year-old scholar who ought to be teaching at some great university, Greene thought. Yet what was Woodson's sole interest and subject of conversation, and what was he doing with his life? "He was trying to create Negro history—something that never existed."

Carter Woodson had heard it all before. After all, people asked for years, what was the Negro whose history Woodson professed to study but a creature from the jungle without achievement, without background, a nameless and monolithic mass? When Woodson, the only child of slaves ever to get a Ph.D. in history, matriculated at Harvard in 1908, the eminent professor Edward Channing felt entirely free to refer in joking fashion to the notion that the escaped slave Crispus Attucks was anything more than an idler who took it into his head to throw things at British troops; then Channing laughed at the idea that Attucks's death during the Boston Massacre had been a great contribution to American independence. Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart was initially pleasant Woodson but let him know that blacks were an inherently inferior race. Study England during the Tudor-Stuart period, Woodson was told, and study he did, England from the Revolution of 1688 to the reform of Parliament, and the church in the Middle Ages, and France's diplomatic policy during the War of the Austrian Succession, 1740-48. These matters constituted history.

But Woodson remembered hearing from his mother how when Master said some slaves must be sold, she begged that he sell her and not her mother, for that would mean the younger children would have no one to turn to.

### Houston station to air radiothon supporting scholarship fund

By LADAWN HYMES  
Panther Staff

The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund will hit the airwaves of urban radio on Sept. 30 with its first-ever national radiothon.

The radiothon will air on 46 radio stations in 36 markets across the country. From 6 a.m. to midnight on Sept. 30, listeners of urban radio stations nationwide can call in to pledge their support for the fund.

Founded in 1987 with Miller Brewing Company as a sponsor, the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund is the only national merit-based scholarship program which awards four-year scholarships to students attending 37 historically black public colleges and universities. Contributions raised by the radio stations will be used to benefit a student in each participating market.

Legendary black disc jockey, Jack Gibson a.k.a. "Jack the Rapper," is chairman of the radiothon's national advisory committee. Other celebrities, including Denzel Washington and Montell Jordan, will read public service announcements for the radiothon event.

In Houston the radiothon will air on Magic 102 FM.

"Urban radio has been one of the most powerful sources that exists for heightening awareness within the African-American community," says Gibson. "I'm proud to be a part of the radiothon which allows our radio stations the opportunity to support black higher education by helping to raise money for scholarships for tomorrow's

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### Bushwick in a Panther Exclusive

By BRANDON GRIFFITH  
(DJ Killa B)  
Special -to-the-Panther

**Question** - How did you hook up with the Geto Boys?

**Bushwick** - I was a busboy at this club called Thunderdome which later changed names from Thunderdome to Rhinestone when I had time from cleaning tables I'd get out on the dance floor, and while everybody was doing the "cabbage patch" I was doing the "Jerry Lewis", and the "James Brown". Therefore, I stood out cause I was doing some different s—t. Soon after, the owner of Rap-A-Lot Records approached me and said I'd be a perfect fit for this group called The Geto Boys. At that time the Geto Boys had this song called "you ain't nothin" where they sampled Elvis, off the "Making Trouble" album. Man, I've been in this Rap S—t for 10 years now.

**Question** - What are some of your favorite cuts on your new CD "Phantom of The Rapra"?

**Bushwick** - I like all of them, all my songs I mention Chucky, and in all my songs I mention that I smoke weed, I mention my kids and my family, then I go into my horror core rap s—t. I've captured aspects on everything I like to rap about. Everything on my album I like, I don't have any favorites, if I had any favorites that would be the only song I put out, like Issac Hayes used to do, ya know what I'm sayin. It's that one lyric and the music through the whole album. So I can't have a favorite if I put twelve cuts on the album, obviously those had to be the favorites out of everything else I pick from.

**Question** - What made you come up with the concept "Phantom of the Rapra"?

**Bushwick** - I like Opera music right, and opera deals with sex, rape, violence, government abuse, society abuse, and parental abuse. All in all, that is what rap deals with. The same problems that people had back in the day, the used to express in Opera. If you remember Opera was banned too. If you checked out the move "Amadeus" he was banned from expressing his feelings about government, society, and sex. Rap is dealing with the same thing, that is why I call it "Rapra". Rap is dealing with the same issues, just different centuries. If you think about it, as long as there are people there will be problems. To me Rap is Opera to people in the ghettos, It's the voice of those who you would not hear stand and speak up.

**Question** - Who are some of your favorite Hip Hop artists?

**Bushwick** - Well, my favorite artist is Scarface, because to me no rapper can capture the feelings, emotions, and up's and downs in a rap form where if your child just learned how to speak, he could rap it, ya know what I'm sayin. He doesn't make it complicated, it's like anything he's ever talked about you could go back to it, and it will still make sense to you. Not every rapper I can say that about. I also like Kool G Rap, Tupac, and The Notorious B.I.G.

**Question** - Is there going to be a Geto Boys reunion album?

**Bushwick** - Scarface and I were talking this past weekend, and we were trying to get Willie D on the album. However, there are some legal matters that have to be dealt with first before we could start that project.

**Question** - Who are some of the artist that guest appear on your new cd?

**Bushwick** - Menace Clan, Jammin D and Assassin.

**Question** - Who collaborated on the production aspect of your cd?

**Bushwick** - John Bido and myself. John Bido did the overseeing on all of the production, and made sure everything was arranged properly, and I basically picked everything. I picked the sound I wanted. Swift and Freddy Long also collaborated on the album.

**Question** - How do you compare your freshman solo album entitled "Little Big Man" to your new album "Phantom of the Rapra"?

**Bushwick** - The first album I was on the P E (Public Enemy) tour when John Bido was talking to me over the phone, giving me a lot of different ideas, I basically didn't stay focused on all the ideas that was going down on the first album. I was going from city to city while I was working on it. So I basically gave a blueprint to what I wanted, and I left the construction to John Bido and James Smith. The only

song I had an opportunity to do from the beginning to end was "Ever so Clear".

**Question** - What does your new name "Dr. Wolfgang Von Bushwickin Mother Funky Stay High Dollar Billstir" mean?

**Bushwick** - Doctors are known for precision, so I am precise in diagnosing the problem in the ghetto. Wolfgang is the classical aspect in my music. Bushwickin I added the (IN) to my name because they say in Texas when you have kids and family you have kin folks, that is what I have now. The Barbarian is to show that I am still, and always will be hard-core, and say what is real. Mother Funky come from appreciating Parliament and George Clinton. Stay High comes from staying above the things that will entangle the average Black, the thing that will make him succeed. Dollar Billstir means I'm currency in the United States.

**Question** - Where do you see Hip Hop heading in the future?

**Bushwick** - I see the rest of the world realizing that Rap is another form of history. The same way people go to school to read about accomplishments that someone else did. Rap is our own black history, well then again it's not our own black history, because history is His Story. I'm sayin rap is our own black mystery because it's my story. So I see Rap caught up in the mystery of my history. I'm only talking about the things I hear, see, and the things that are going on, in this ever changing evolving world, that day to day you never know what's going to happen next. So I see Rap as a mirror from that person's point of view coming from that side of the ghetto, just because we live in the ghetto and you live on one side of the street, you might not ever go through half the s—t I go through just growing up on the other side of the street from me, know what I'm sayin. Rap is evolving with time.

**Question** - How do you consider your style, and do you have a particular name for your style?

**Bushwick** - Yeah, calling it like I see it. I'm not trying to candy coat nothing sweet in the world. I just verbally project the images you physically see. I consider my style to be "Lyrical Hollywood". I am verbally painting a picture for you, and the script is my story. Rap is from the artist point of

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### Deion makes \$25million move

By LISA L. TERRELL  
Panther Staff

The 1994 Defensive Player of the Year, Deion Sanders signed a seven-year, \$25 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys. This deal includes a no-trade clause and an NFL record signing bonus of almost \$13 million.

While 49ers fans are mourning the loss of the game's premier man-to-man cornerback, Dallas fans are reacting differently. Some fans like Doland McGowen, a student at Prairie View A & M University, said this deal took the fun out of football, while others like Johnna Simpson, 21, also a student at Prairie View A & M University, are shopping for Deion-jerseys.

"I'm looking for a jersey with Deion's name on it!" said Miss Simpson who will be unsuccessful in her search for only a few more days. Sporting goods store managers in Dallas are anticipating the Deion-jersey to outsell the ever-popular Emmitt-jersey.

A few weeks ago, \$25 million to sign Sanders might have confused fans, but with Kevin Smith out for a year with a ruptured Achilles tendon, Sanders is no longer seen as a luxury to the Cowboys. "Twenty-five million dollars, that's ridiculous!" said Dennis Gatlin of Plano. Some fans, like Gatlin, and news reporters think Sanders is over-priced, but those who feel the Cowboys winning as a necessity, see signing Deion as a necessity, also. As said by Jean Jacques Taylor, a staff writer of the Dallas Morning News, Sander's talents are undeniable.

Mr. Sanders scores touchdowns four ways: receiving, punt returns, kick-off returns, and mostly interception returns. He has 30 interceptions—eight of which were returned for touchdowns. His excellent hand-eye coordination coupled with his speed could make him a productive receiver. He is valuable to any defense, offense, or special teams, and is a team player.

"Sanders is everything you look for in a player," said Denver coach Mike Shanahan, San Francisco's offensive coordinator. "Sanders has character, charisma, and, will be an asset to any football team."

Scott Case, who played with Sanders in Atlanta, recently signed with the Cowboys as a safety. Case was initially concerned about the hype that came with this 1989 as a first-round draft pick. They spent hours fishing and talking at a private pond outside Atlanta while the public image faded and the real man emerged.

"...once you get to know him, you find out that he's a good guy," said Case.

It is obvious "Neon Deion" can play football well. Now, the Cowboys will get to relate to "Prime Time" as a teammate. He is known for not only confidence, but arrogance and showboating after scoring. Although, he made a poor attempt at rap music, and his clothes can make you ill if you watch his video for too long, he is still an extraordinary football player.

Many reporters and T. V. news anchors have predicted the Cowboys having difficulty accepting Deion's salary. Mike Irvin said he is not complaining and asked the media not to aggravate the issue.

When will he play? After his baseball season ends and his injured ankle heals, Deion will step on the field as a Dallas Cowboy. The Cowboys estimate mid-October. We can definitely look forward to watching him cover Jerry Rice on November 12.

Will the Cowboys be the first team to win three Super Bowls in four years? I say yes, and signing Deion was an imperative move in accomplishing this goal. As a Dallasite and Cowboy fan, I say, "Welcome to D-town DEION!"

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# LIFESTYLES

## Miss Prairie View .....Who is she ?

By Paul Masterson  
Panther Staff

To the general student body and faculty, no one knows who Kimberly Williams is. To some, she is a senior majoring in accounting and an aspiring actress. Others know her as a comptroller for the Student Government Association (SGA), and as the president of Toastmasters International. But, all these activities still doesn't change the question that everyone on campus is asking...Who is Miss Prairie View?

In March, Williams was crowned Miss Prairie View A&M University and it is now time for the university and its staff and students to recognize and get to know her.

Since winning the title, Williams hasn't had time to herself. Entering the pageant as an underdog, she walked away with top scores in every area of the competition. "I never expected to win. The other competitors were so good, I never dreamed that I would be announced the winner," said Williams after her name was announced as Miss Prairie View 1995-1996.

Now that the Fall semester has begun, Williams is ready to step into the limelight and begin her reign.

With her first official appearance at a recent spirit rally, students caught their first glimpse at the lovely young woman. A very modest and articulate person, Williams, a Dallas native, is very eager to speak about her reign and

her upcoming activities.

"At the moment, I'm busy with personal appearances at events as football games and meetings with the president and other personnel so I really haven't had time to work on my platform," said Williams, whose platform is dealing with getting more students involved in voting and voter registration. This is true for residents in Houston and its surrounding counties and for non-Houston and non-Texas residents who qualify for absentee voting.

Also in the works, are for her and the Miss Prairie View Court (which includes first runner-up Rashaan Patterson and second runner-up Andrea Parks), to do a joint project together in the near future. She is also interested

in working with freshmen students to help encourage them to get involved in some of the many events that occur on campus. "I want to get to know the freshmen and have them to get to know me. I want them to know that it's time for them to get to know their university and that they have a voice in what goes on here at Prairie View."

People can expect a lot more from Williams in the coming weeks, she and her court will be featured models in the University fashion show, the Panther Extravaganza to be held September 21 in Hobart Taylor Recital Hall at 7 P.M.. She will also make a half-time appearance at the Prairie View- Grambling game in Dallas, and she along with Nakia Thomas, Mr. Prairie View, will be the guest of honor at the King and Queen's Coronation Ball during the week of Homecoming.

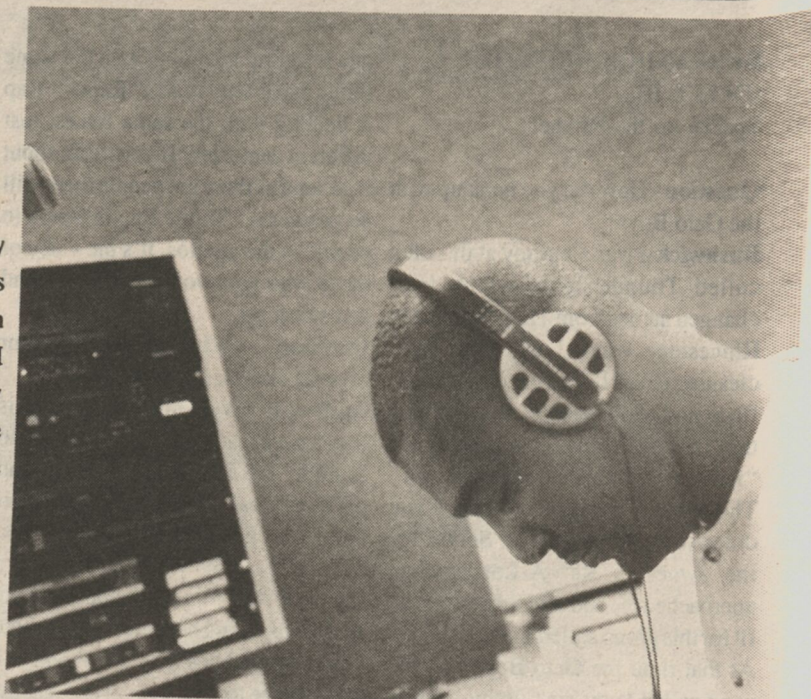


Photo by Cinnamon Johnson

Music coordinator Charles Porter pretends to fall asleep because the new automated systems leaves him with little work to do.

## KPVU to be more community oriented

By SALLY GUILLAMONDEGUI  
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M Universities radio station, KPVU FM plans to extend its positive outreach in the community with the help of a computer automation system and an affiliation with National Public Radio.

The new "digital automation system", or DAS can be totally

programmed by computer, and will continue to run without human assistance, without ever losing the high quality of programming you have become accustomed to receiving from KPVU-FM. It is not, however, meant to replace your favorite radio personality of the ever-popular DJ, but to help out in a crisis or on major holidays when we all need vacation.

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## PV TOP TEN

MUSIC	10	Janet Jackson.....	Runaway
	9.	X-Scape.....	Who Can I Run To?
	8.	Junior Mafia.....	Players Anthem
	7.	Tupac.....	My Block
	6.	Faith.....	Come Over
	5.	Mariah Carey.....	Fantasy
	4.	Micheal Jackson.....	You are Not Alone
	3.	Mystical.....	Y'all Ain't Ready Yet
	2.	Prince.....	I Hate You
	1.	Coolio.....	Gangsters Paradise

## Agricultural Economics students attend national convention

### NEWS RELEASE

The PVAMU Chapter of the American Agricultural Economics Association Student Section (AAEA-SS) participated in the National Convention this summer in Indianapolis, IN. Seven students were accompanied by the club's advisor, Mr. Jerrell Meikle, and Dr. Alfred Parks, Director of Research, CARC.

Three of the students, Craig Anthony Nicholas, Thomas Northcutt, and Monique Shellburg, competed in the Academic Quiz Bowl competition. Out of 29 teams competing, the PVAMU team finished as the fifth ranked team with wins over the University of Kentucky, the University of Georgia, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. The competition included 8 categories: Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Marketing, Agribusiness Management, Quantitative, Potpourri, Finance, Resource Policy.

Nicholas, the captain of the PVAMU team for the past two years, said, "The convention brings together

agricultural economics, university administrators, private industry representatives, government professionals, and agricultural foundation councils where students may network and interact on national agricultural and related issues." "It is an excellent opportunity for students to network with such professionals and to showcase one's intellectual abilities in the paper and Academic Quiz Bowl Competitions, adds Nicholas."

At the highlight of the convention, PVAMU was showcased at two ends. At the professional end, Dr. Alfred L. Parks, who was also Chairman of the AAEA Awards Committee, presided over a portion of the AAEA Awards Ceremony. At the student, Nicholas was recognized for his contributions as a National Officer and Editor of the AAEA Journal of Student Papers.

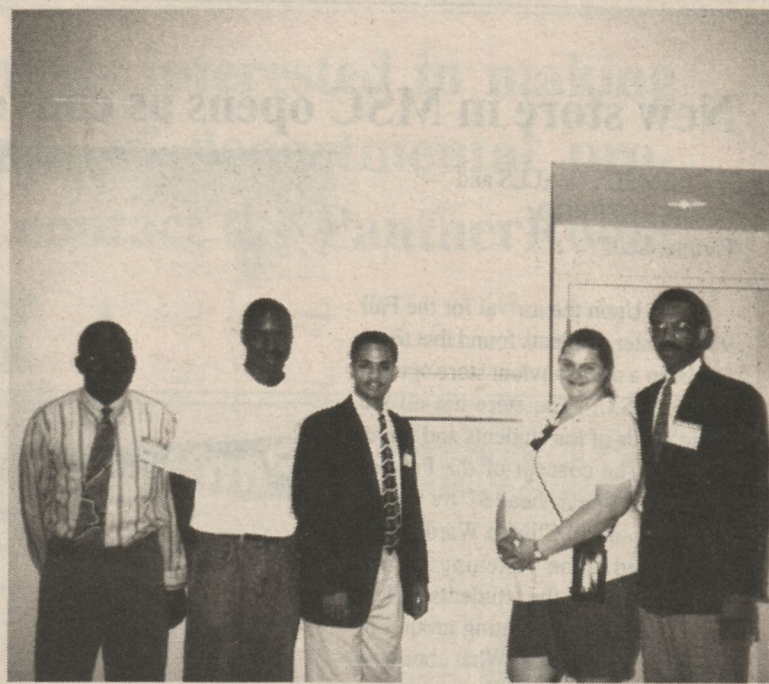
The success of the PVAMU Agricultural Economics Club will hopefully continue next year in San

Antonio where PVAMU will co-host the 1996 National Convention. The club expects to win the rights and privileges to design, and merchandise the Convention T-Shirts, as they did in 1994. The club feels ultimate success will be in winning the Academic Quiz Bowl Championship and placing another student in a national office again next year.

"The growth of the world Food Distribution Training Center of Excellence further establishes PVAMU and its students to be innovative leaders in agricultural economics through the 21st Century, said Parks."

The members of the Economics Club extend special Dr. Strickland, Head, Department of Agriculture, Jerrell Meikle, and Dr. Alfred Parks.

Other students participating included Angela Richardson, President, Vice-President, Samy Orange, Secretary, Jeretha Lewis, Treasurer.



Agricultural Economics students attend National Convention this summer in Indianapolis.

## Operation "Hi" to lighten campus mood

BY JAE SIMPSON AND LISA L. TERRELL  
Panther Staff

people that leave that did not speak to you?

Notice how many people you pass and don't speak to during the course of a day.

Many new students feel alone and out-of-place because they know only a few persons or none at all on campus.

As a solution to this problem, the Memorial Student Center Advisory Board is initiating Operation "HI!" The campaign is set to begin the week of Sept. 14. During this time, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to greet everyone they pass on campus, especially those people they do not know.

MSC advisory board

Just say hi. The planners of Operation "Hi," a new campus-wide drive, want each student at PV to help flood the entire campus with good greetings, good vibes and good manners—enough to melt the thick wall of unease and tension many students, especially the new students, claim they have noticed on campus.

Often the only time students speak to one another is when they are trying to get their "mack on," but unless you are extremely attractive, you may not even get "macked on," some students say.

More importantly, how many

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# HOROSCOPES

## VIRGO

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) \* YOU'VE BEEN SO BUSY LATELY YOU'VE HARDLY NOTICED ALL THE PEOPLE ASKING FOR YOUR PHONE NUMBER. THIS IS YOUR MONTH! ENJOY A ROMANTIC EVENING OUT!**

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) \* One of your classes starts out boring but look for a redeeming quality—it's not as bad as you thought.**

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) \* You're about to regain something you thought you had lost forever.**

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) \* Get organized! Shock your family and friends with your new and improved grade point average.**

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Your sizzling summer romance fizzles out as school begins. This year you'll discover romance as you've never had it before.**

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) \* The time is right to ask out that person you've**

had your eye on. Meanwhile keep an eye out, someone you thought was a friend has less than good intentions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) \* Pisceans are especially high powered this month, so it would be a good time to do a project with talented friends.**

**ARIES (March 21 - April 19) \* You will make an unexpected new friend. Hold your ground this month when your other friends give you a hard time.**

**TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) \* Stubborn bulls may get in an out of control argument with a parent or friend, but it will soon blow over (if you let it).**

**GEMINI (May 21 - June 21) \* It is a perfect time to give up a bad habit for once and for all.**

**CANCER (June 22 - July 22) \* One of your friends wants you to try something new this month. Listen—it won't be as bad as you think.**

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## SPORTS

## Keep your head up... Good guys finish last but victory's close

BY PAUL MASTERSON  
Panther Staff

College football season is amongst us again. Already, audiences have seen NCAA powerhouses as UCLA, Florida State, and Texas A&M battle it out with some of the other countries elite teams. With coaches counting every game hoping for a win with a playoff and bowl berth in their midst, while that certain player, the star quater back, the All-American, hoping to be one of those lucky

young men who will be in consideration for the legendary Heisman Trophy award with a chance of being signed to an team in the NFL.

That is how the nation, the football loving public veiw college football. Clomoring in their seats every weekend the gridiron class it out. You must be that winning team to get the recognition and the article in such publications as College Football Weekly, and Sports Illustrated.

Like at all colleges and universities across the country, the football team at Prairie View A&M University does what every other get college team does during the summer

they go through a series of drills, run through plays, strategies, and procedures. With a few hours to themselves, they eat and rest and suit back up for an afternoon practice session.

Not since 1989, has Prairie View A&M University won a football game. Under coach Ronald Beard, a team once reared as one of the greatest teams in black college football fell to an unprecedented losing streak of 44-0. Beard's reputation as a coach was question by the media and by his peers including Grambling head coach Eddie Robinson. Speculation about weather

he'd keep his positon as coach was questioned last year.

This summer, under heavy consideration, Beard was relinquished from his duties as head coach. The position was given to Hensley Sapenter. Sapenter, a Prairie View graduate, has taken on the position and has given a new look to the fledging team.

With a new coach, under their wings, news of the team breaking the losing streak was all around the campus and nation alike. The win didn't occur. Prairie View suffered another loss to Texas Southern University with a defeat of 50-8. They followed this with another loss to Abilene Christian College with a 35-0 score. With a new coach, the Panthers seem to continue not come up with that breakthrough win. The continuation of the consistant losses has had some players thinking is the thought of losing a mental locket in their minds?

"Thus far, the season has been dissapointing because of the two losses. However, we have played well but we must cut down on these mental mistakes and play well for the entire game," said Micheal Porter.

Porter, a slot back for the Panthers was one of the subjects for an recent Sports Illustrated article. The article in which the team was described as

the "pitiful panthers"

focused on the team from its past, present, and future under Sapenter and university president Hines. "It was nice to have my picture in Sports Illustrated, but I wished it was for something more positive," said Porter.

Two of the upcoming games for the team are crucial. They'll travel to Baton Rouge, La to play Southern for an September 16 showdown. The next crucial game, September 30 will be Grambling University at the Al Lipscom State Fair Bowl Classic in Dallas. Last year during this route, the Panthers suffered an humiliating 66-0 loss which struck controversy over the entire conference. The loss was the lowest recorded loss for Prairie View since they've been participants in the classic.

The Panthers now have a new coach with new additions to the assistant coaching staff as well. With an new annoiting to the team and what seems like a uplifting of support from the univeristy, the the team can complete the rest of the season with some historic wins in the column. In a quote from Porter, "the players are sticking together and working hard for each game." With a good rapport instilled in them, the team can come along victorious and the story will close as good guys finish last.

## Walls may take his game to next level

By: CHADWICK DAVIS  
Sports Editor

Some people say the potential is wasted if it is not driven by ambition and supported by knowledge. Others speculate that raw talent is the only formula to success. While even still more others feel that hardwork bears the fruits of labor.

What does all this mean to the average 6'7, 196lb., size 17 shoe wearing brother from Sharpston High School in Houston, Tx? Nothing. Nothing unless his name is Derrick Walls who has decided to look to take his game to new horizons overseas.

"I think overseas ball would give me an opportunity to bring my game to a new level mentally and physically. Plus, give me a chance to take a shot at the NBA," said the optimistic Walls.

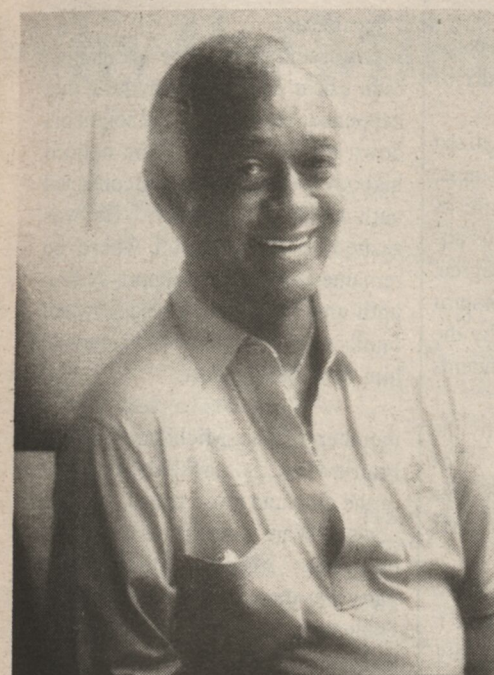
Walls was not always so positive about the direction he was moving in. As a youth he was more interested in "thuglife" than in basketball. Walls first participated in organized basketball in the 11th grade. After 2 years of less than satifying college ball, Walls was ready to hang up his Nike.

"I wish I could forget my first year at Wharton County Junior College. My second year a Houston Baptist wasn't much better. There were too many white people who belived we didn't belong. They thought we couldn't have made it on merit alone. We were just basketball players," says Walls.

Walls, felling the sting of the systematic weeding out of black colligent athletes, had reached the break point. He was on the verge of quitting school when in the summer of 92 he made his way down 290 to Prairie View

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## New coach, Sapenter, envisions new attitude, new life



Senior captain Ben Goffney gets ready for Southern.

By CHADWICK DAVIS  
Sports Editor

He was just sitting there in his small and very modest office, underneath the pile of pieces of an athletic program gone bad. He had had

of the 1995 Prairie View A&M Panthers.

Two games, two lopsided losses, more critics, more negativity, more doubters, more pressure. The Panthers sit three games away from breaking the all-time record for losses.

With Southern, Tarleton State, and

a quiet afternoon conversation with his daughter and a cigarette to calm his nerves, which have to be on the very edge. He is trying to do what coach Ronald Beard told Sports Illustrated is impossible. He's trying to make something happen at PV that hasn't happened since Public Enemy rapped Fight the Power. He's trying to make believers out of a campus overrun with doubters and harsh critics. Coach Rensley W. Sapenter, who had not been on the gridiron since 1972 has saddled up as the new head coach

Grambling State all waiting and saying, "We're not going to be their first win in six years," the victory-starved Panthers will have to move a mountain.

"We've got kids that have lost 46 games straight," remarked Sapenter, "Football is a game that will teach you about life. There is no sin in getting knocked down, the sin is not getting up."

If life's lessons can be learned on the field then the Panther players have been in class every season for the last six years. They have learned lifes toughest lesson. Character. In boxing there is a three knock-down rule, or a time for "throwing in the towel." In football surrender means the rout is on.

However, this group, made up of athletes without scholarships, continues to scrap and get their squab on every week. Overshadowed by halftime shows and after-game parties, the Panthers continue to go to a war that resembles Vietnam, a fight that somebody in a high place doesn't want them to win.

So, while their "affiliate" Texas A&M Aggies' football program is buzzing with national championship

talk, PV is looking for some daylight in the storm of a 48-game losing saga.

"We just need to put together a complete game," says Ben Goffney, outside linebacker and senior captain. "We've got to be focused mentally for four quarters."

You wouldn't fight a tiger with a domestic cat. And you wouldn't take pandas into a den of hungry grisly bears, mentally tough or not. Skeptics say the Panthers without scholarships don't have the talent and don't have a chance.

"Recruiting does play a key role," says Sapenter. "My job as athletic director is to get scholarships back. It's like playing cards though, you play the hand your dealt." "Hines is a student-oriented guy. He will be for scholarships. I'm going to do all I can to get the alumni and private sector to invest in this program."

The team that SI called "pitiful Panthers" is riding into Jaguar country with it's slingshot ready to kill Goliath. The team is not just playing Southern, they are up against a nation of player-haters. Tupac said it best: "Me Against the World." The Panthers are battling themselves.

"We are still very positive and believe that a victory will come this week in Baton Rouge, but we'll have to play mistake-free football," remarked senior inside linebacker Otis Myles.

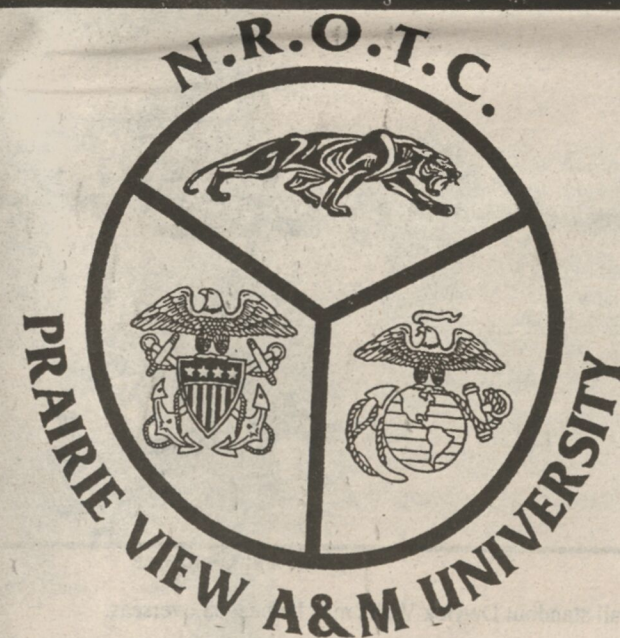
Patient. Confident. Coach Sapenter disregards all the SI hype and focuses on business.

"Let's roll out and hit the fullback in the flats," says Sapenter as he hands battle plans to an assistant coach. "I want my best players on the field at all times."

Positive imagery. It's the only medician that can keep the morale of Sapernters team from fading into anther 21-point plus separation between themselves and glory.

"I don't coach football to lose," tells Sapenter, "We are going to Baton Rouge to win."

The 1995 panthers despite popular opinion believe a win is in the air. The stage is set, the drama, and the plot thickens. The potential for something great to happen still remains solid at least for the next 3 weeks. The Panthers are poised and ready.



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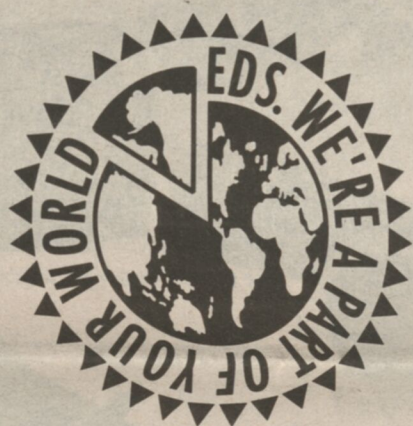
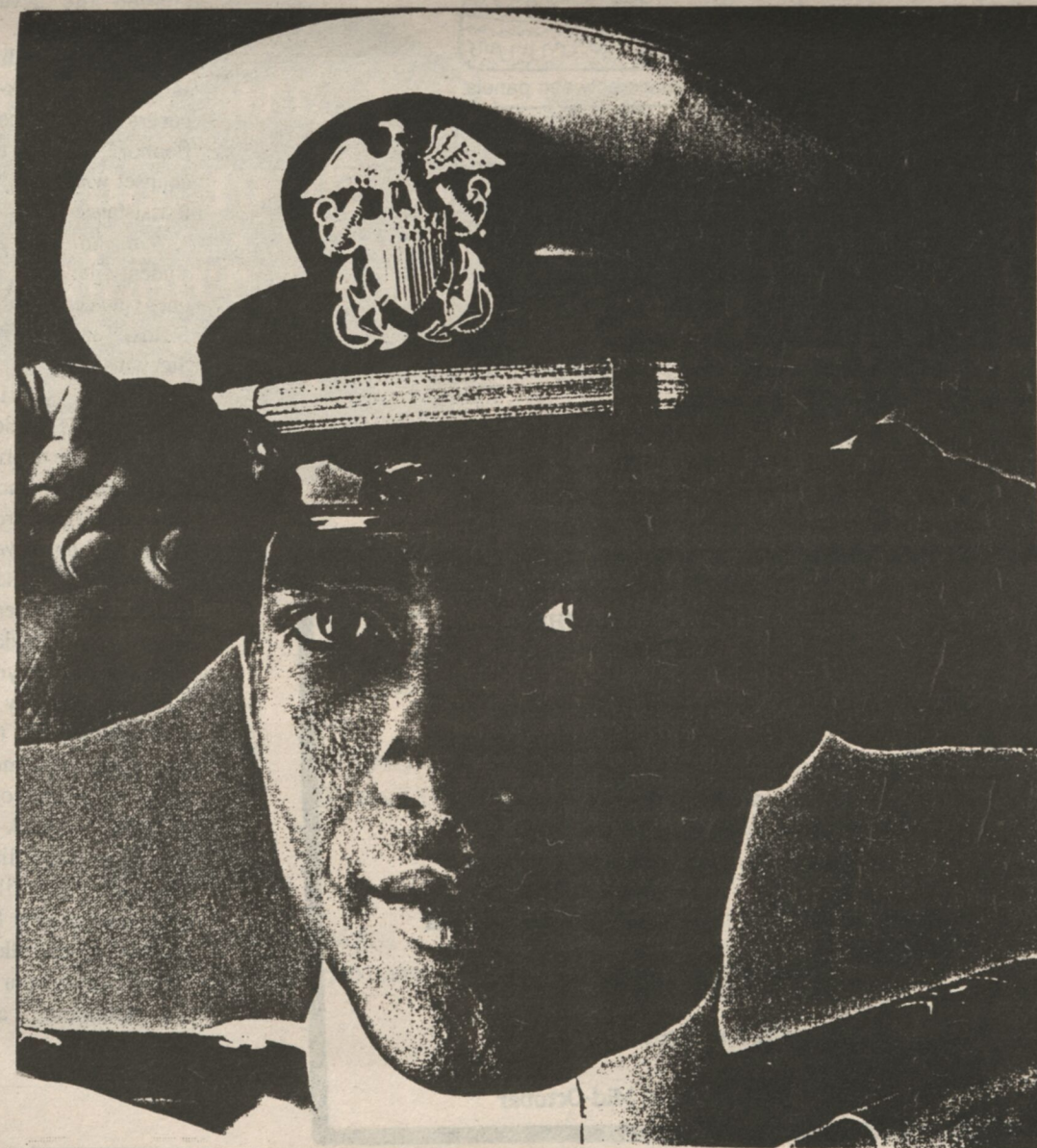
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## Hines

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and it will help to increase cultural diversity.

### On the subject of Alumni acceptance of Hines.

The alumni "stereotyped me without even knowing me." All of that is in the past and Hines is not going to look back or worry about all the negative things that were said. "There is always someone who does not agree with what I am doing" therefore if

Hines worried about the negative things said about him it has the potential to "sap his energy and detract attention."

### On the subject of his top goals and priorities for this campus.

Hines number one goal is "improving quality of life for the students." His number one priority are the dorms.

Some of the dorms are 35 to 40 years old and Hines is planning to replace some of the housing and bring the rest of them up to date. He has plans to build units to house 672 people one person per bedroom.

**On the subject of teaching classes.** Hines plans to teach a class every semester. This semester he is teaching a graduate class and last semester he taught an undergraduate class.

"Teaching helps to keep me focused on what's important which is teaching and educating." Hines feels that his time may be limited but this is something he must make time for.

### On the subject of how his wife and children are adjusting to life in Prairie View.

"Just fine." Hines' wife is from Houston and is glad to be home. Hines has seven children and three grandchildren — two of his sons are enrolled in school here in Prairie View.

## Aid

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advisors to serve the student body. Full time advisor Sonja Hackney says, "It's really important (for advisors) to remind students to keep information with them."

For example, since it is possible for loan payback totals to be miscalculated by an issuer, it is important to keep accurate records of all returned slips and stubs. This also holds true for records of receipts issued by the university, in case a discrepancy should arise.

Some key tips for students hoping to avoid financial aid hassles include taking an active part in completing the packet so that they can respond intelligently to advisors; meeting deadlines and communicating regularly with an assigned advisor.

Always have a current fee assessment or receipt on hand when visiting with an advisor—it saves time and helps avoid potential conflict.

There are limited federal and state funds for work-study programs; therefore, it is important to be timely in inquiring about the programs.

The closer to school time a student waits to turn in forms, the more delayed the actual processing will be.

Students needing assistance may pick-up papers on the second floor of Evans Hall and counsel with advisors, if assistance is needed.

"In an average student file, there are only between 6 and 10 forms," said advisor Stephens.

If seeking assistance, a student should be sure to bring any academic financial aid transcripts from summer school, have at least a 2.0 GPA, and if a male, have registered with Selective Services within 30 days of your eighteenth birthday.

Progress in the financial aid office may come in the form of a computer line hook-up that may soon link advisors to files containing student fee assessments and allow for full automation of the financial aid department.

## Convocation

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Players that conveyed the message of strength and a sincere desire to succeed.

They Players dramatized women coming to power in business, the problems of peer pressure as well as the ultimate goal for us all—graduating and obtaining a degree.

The amount of school spirit and togetherness generated by the convocation brought some students in attendance to tears.

"I was so touched by the overwhelming feeling of togetherness I cried," said Keshia Anderson, a senior mathematics major.

Hines has inspired students as well as faculty realize that he is not taking his job as president lightly, and plans to do whatever it takes to make this university great.

## Ware

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Johnson said.

Johnson stated that Ware's neighbors didn't hear or witness anything that happened. However, some neighbors down the street from Ware noticed his body in the driveway and contacted authorities immediately. He was rushed to the hospital where he remained on a life-support system until the following Tuesday when family members decided to remove him from life-support.

Ware was a very active member of the Michigan Club at Prairie View. Sonja Fields, president of the club and close friend, said the news of Ware's death was a shock to everyone. According to Fields, a party was thrown in honor of Ware's graduation approximately a week after he received his degree.

"It was so shocking after seeing his family so happy the Friday [of his graduation] and so devastated weeks later," she said.

## WALLS

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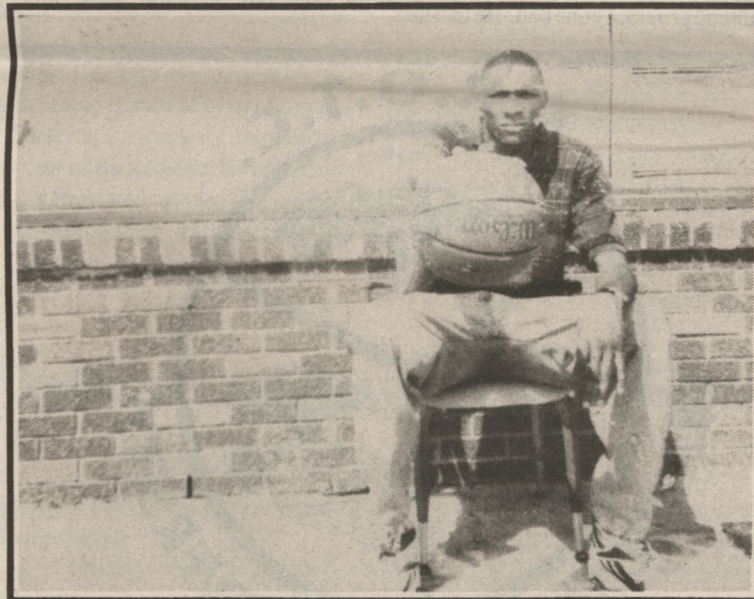


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PV basketball standout Derrick Walls may be headed overseas.

made his way down 290 to Prairie View A&M University. After talking to PV basketball coach Elwood Plummer, sitting out a year to meet eligibility requirements and going over his game with a soft brush, Walls was a Panther.

"I had a good experience playing for PV. I learned about people and corruption. This program could be one of the elite in the Nation if some house cleaning is done," says Walls.

Walls is taking his PV experience as a guide into future aspirations. Working with Jackson State coach Andy Stoglin, Walls hopes

to join teammate Lateef Clard in international basketball competition. Clark has already left for Italy.

However, if Walls can't find a home overseas he plans to attend law school at his fathers alma mater Thurgood Marshall.

"Every black man should have some working knowledge of the twisted laws of Western society. You are already a suspect so it is important for us to know the laws. That's the only way you receive respect. Know the system so you can play the game," advises Walls.

# VIEWPOINTS

## Why the Million-Man March?

A Million Man March, a holy day of atonement and Relocations. We recognize October 16, 1995, as "A Holy Day of Atonement and reconciliation." We believe that it is only when we are as one at peace with ourselves and our Creator then can we reconcile ourselves with the Creator.

We then are fortified with the ability and the capacity to successfully reconcile our differences, and accelerate the upward mobility of the Black community.

We believe that we as men, we must recognize and unconditionally atone for the absence, in too many cases, of the Black male as the household, positive role model and builder in

our community. We must establish positive solutions, to the abuse and misuse of our women and girls.

Our presence in Washington D.C., the capital of the United States, means a day set aside to reconcile our spiritual inner being and redirect our focus on developing our communities, strengthening our families, working to uphold and protect our civil and human rights, empowering ourselves the Spirit of God, more effective use of our dollars, and through the power of the vote.

We are taking to all religious leaders of the various denominations of Christianity and the various Faith Traditions within the black community to declare October 16, 1995, as a Holy Day of Atonement and Reconciliation a day of fasting and prayer for those who are able.

This will be the first time since the institution of slavery that Black people would have declared a Holy Day for our people.

We must designate and recolonize this day in accordance with the Word of our Creator.

We believe that by the grace and goodness of our Creator, the success we envision for the Million man March, and beyond October 16, 1995 our first declared Holy Day of Atonement and Reconciliation will be captured in the annals of history as a landmark period in which Black people came together to effect the greatest promise of change for Black people in America, and throughout the world.



Dear Jaquita!

Dear Jaquita,

I am a 22-year-old male and I'm in trouble. I have recently have become intimate with one of my closest female friends and it was the most beautiful experience I've ever had. I have other friends that I am involved with occasionally, but for some reason I find myself attracted to her. I feel that I am sincerely ready to have a serious relationship with some one and I want to settle down. I don't know how she feels about me and the whole situation and I'm not sure either. But I do know that I don't want her with anybody else. For the past couple of months we have avoided one another and not mentioned our feelings to each other or anyone else.

I am so confused and I don't know what to do... help!

A Secret Lover

Dear Secret Lover,

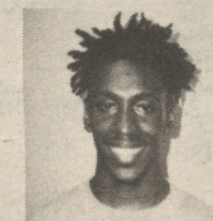
Well it seems that you and your friend need sit down and have a serious talk, and find out what's really going on. There must be something there if you felt comfortable enough to become intimate with one another, you should be able to talk to one another.

Relationships are strange things, just like the seasons, they constantly change. Knowing this, you must learn to adapt to and make it through the storm the best way you know how.

This may be the person for you. The way to find out is to seriously reevaluate your feelings and where you want things to go and chill!

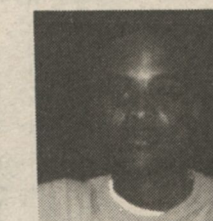
Be honest with one another. That's the most important thing. The fact that you have an idea about how you feel is a start. Now you have to make a move and come to a solid decision one what you plan to do. Remember, in order to have a stable relationship you must be friends... you're already ahead of the game.

# Speak Out



Dana Christian  
Sophomore  
Architecture  
St. Louis, Mo.

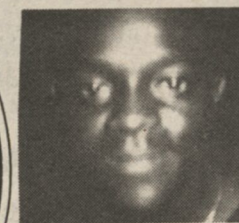
I will take time out to get involved in social activities and events. Once I become more involved in events, I would encourage friends to participate.



Lee Levels  
Junior  
Political Science  
Dallas, TX

I will show up the campus socials with enthusiasm, instead of criticizing what the schools about. And when I have a problem I will tell the right people, not just my friends.

## What are you going to do to enhance school spirit?



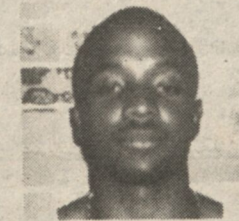
Nolan Welch  
Freshman  
Com Engineer major  
Houston, TX

I would throw a party every week and support PV, pep rallies, and broadcast PV football..



Cynthia Matlock  
Junior  
Criminal Justice  
El Paso, TX

I will always wear purple and gold with much pride, no matter, no matter what the outcome is.



Jermanie Parker  
Junior  
Elec Engineering major  
Detroit, MI

I will do volunteer work with the Michigan Club by cleaning up ground and participate in school function.

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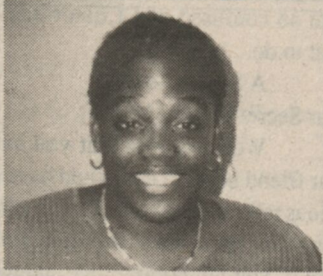
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Formal Wear  
Question and Answer

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# Making your Mark at PV



Ann Harvey  
Managing Editor

Imagine this. You are on your way from the Cotton Bowl coming down highway 290 and you're in a fatal car accident. You're killed instantly.

Your mother comes to Prairie View to pick up your things. As she's walking around campus, sobbing remembering you, she stops a passerby and asks: Did you know my child? What would that person say? Would he or she have good or bad things to say?

Every day you step out of your room and walk around campus, you are contributing to an ongoing image of yourself and what you choose to add to that persona is entirely up to you.

Yes, I know that college life can be fun and exciting. It is a time when you can let your hair down and have a good time, but there are some limits that you should properly place on yourself, that you should set and adhere to.

Practice carrying yourself well at all times and it becomes natural and ultimately it becomes you.

I shudder to see beautiful black sisters and brothers degrade themselves. Whether or not you believe it, everything you do follows you on this campus. And, ladies, unfortunately this applies more to us than the fellas.

But that's just one part of the whole. Making a difference, whether it's picking up your tray in Alumni Hall or participating in a pep rally, try to become not just a student, but a part of Prairie View A&M University. A positive part.

Various organizations on campus need support, and we're the only ones that can give them the support they need. Now when I say support, I don't mean going to the Baby Dome parties and kickin' it 'til 1 a.m. I'm talking about supporting functions that help you become more aware of the community that surrounds you.

This campus is full of organizations and clubs that can be fun as well as beneficial to you in the future. So, for all of you who "attend" Prairie View and don't live the experience, I ask you to make the best of your time here. This is the best time of our lives. You won't ever get a chance to get to do it again.

## BIG CATS BY CINNAMON



# Let's rally behind our football team

The football team can get new shoes, PV's Marching Storm can win every battle of the bands, new coaches can be brought in, a new administration can come and go, but the football team cannot accomplish any of its goals if it does not have the correct mindset.

One of the most important things the team needs is peer support. We as a university (the football team is an integral part of this university) need to believe in ourselves and in each other so that when the football does win, we will all be there to celebrate "our" victory. We know that the football team and university are going through a long streak of difficulty. But the Prairie View heritage is long and deep and we will survive and overcome. We at the Panther urge everyone to stand behind our football team; we fully expect the team to win at least one game this season!

## IT COULDN'T BE DONE

SOMEBODY SAID that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin On his face.  
If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it";  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,  
And the first thing he knew he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

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